

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Board Meeting: March 31, 2004

Minutes Approved by Board on June 30, 2004

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board Members were present:

Michael W. Breedlove, Chairman
Jaydee Atkins Ager, Consumer Member
Lynn Pierson, Landscape Architect

Others present were:

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director
Virginia Hudson, Applications Specialist
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary
Janet Wray, Board Attorney
Craig Fluck, Examination Consultant, Examination Section

Chairman Breedlove established that a quorum was present at 9:37 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Ms. Pierson made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the September 15, 2003 Board meeting. Mr. Breedlove seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Pierson made a motion to enter into **Executive Session**, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h) to deliberate on applications, investigations and to receive investigative reports. Mr. Breedlove seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board members Breedlove, Ager, and Pierson. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Ms. Hudson presented the following Landscape Architect applications for the Board's review.

Ms. Pierson made a motion to **approve** the following applications for examination, reinstatement, reciprocity, and temporary license that met certification requirements. Ms. Ager seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Examination:

The following applicants were **approved or approved pending receipt of additional documents** to take the June 2004 L.A.R.E.:

Brian Patrick Albini
Martine J. Anderson
Mary Dudley Critchfield
Bradley T. Gilbert
Andrea Michele Greco
Mark Carl Griffin - Pending
Ryan J. Healah
Keith Eldridge Hightower

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Thomas Edward Humphrey
Byron James Kelly
Michael W. Kidd
Errett Neil Kirkland
Jeremy Alan McElroy
Lance Brandon Muller
Todd Monroe Peaster
Kyle S. Phillips
Chad Davis Pruitt
Jane Arlene Raikes
Jennifer Anne Salyer
Kelly S. Sanders
Robert P. Simpson
Gregory Donald Stewart
Zachary J. Waits - Pending
Lincoln H. Weis
Matthew Albert Wilder
Anne T. Wilfer

Reciprocity License:

The following applicants were **approved** for **reciprocity licensure pending passage of the Georgia component of the examination:**

Richard T. Abt
Ronald W. Heller II
Vaughn Eric Perez
Darren Tracy Spillman
Jon Stefansson
Jason M. Whinghter
James K. Winter

Reinstatement License:

The following applicants were **approved or approved pending additional documentation for reinstatement of an expired license:**

John Mark Addington
Douglas Niven Arnold
Mack R. Cain
David John Knowles
Susan Delaye Bigbie Loftis - Pending
Henry Mabbett Mathews III
David James Patterson

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Temporary License:

The following applicants were **approved** for **temporary license pending additional information**:

James Darrell Burnett
Molly M. Davis
Cinde Bauer Drilling
James Parks McLeon

Investigative Report:

The Board heard a report from the Enforcement Committee staff. Ms. Pierson made the motion to approve the recommendations and following enforcement actions. Ms. Ager seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LA040001: Close the case.

LA040004: A cease and desist letter will be sent since the requested response to inquiry was not received by March 30, 2004.

Examination Report:

Mr. Fluck presented the 1999-2003 Landscape Architect Examination Results. There was a discussion of possibly updating the Georgia component of the test. Ms. Pierson made a motion for the Examination Section to conduct a survey of the pros/cons of updating or deleting the Georgia component section of the examination and to report the findings at the September 13, 2004 meeting. Ms. Ager seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Other Business:

Current rules require revision to facilitate the new national computer based test that begins August 2004. Mr. Breedlove will prepare a draft of rule changes. Ms. Ridley will prepare a timeline for rule revision and adoption.

The Board reviewed and discussed the C/L.A.R.E. Letter of Understanding and the Examination Purchase Agreement. The Board Attorney will review and refer to Legal Services for finalization.

The Board reviewed an article on state licensure regarding the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) designation. Using the ASLA designation is not an infraction of Board rules.

The Board reviewed and discussed continuing education rules of the Tennessee State Landscape Architect Board in comparison to continuing education rules for Georgia. The review will continue for possible future revision.

Mr. Breedlove reported on the Region 3 – 2003 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Georgia was not represented at the meeting due to budget limitations, but a report was given at the meeting.

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Ms. Ridley reported the January 2004 start of a centralized incoming telephone center for the Professional Licensing Boards. Members were advised to use (478) 207-1401 to reach the Board office and bypass the centralized center.

Election of Chairman:

Ms. Pierson made the motion to elect Mr. Breedlove as Board Chairman for 2004. Ms. Ager seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Marie S. Urquhart

Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley

Reviewed by Executive Director

Michael W. Breedlove

Chairman

Landscape Architects

Mollie L. Fleeman

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Attachment

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Michael W. Breedlove, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On March 31, 2004 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Michael W. Breedlove
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 31st day of March , 2004

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public